

## **FISCAL UPDATE News Article**

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## STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING - JULY 2015

**Meeting.** The State Appeal Board met July 6, 2015, in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved approximately \$4,400 in general claims filed under lowa Code chapter <u>25</u> and denied four claims totaling approximately \$2,600.
- Approved three tort claims filed under lowa Code chapter 669 for approximately \$29,500. The Board
  denied tort claims that totaled approximately \$534,000. There were two tort claims that totaled
  approximately \$50,000 that were withdrawn from consideration.

**Walsh Payment.** Solicitor General Jeff Thompson provided the State Appeal Board with an update on the remaining claims made by Walsh Construction Company for construction work on the new maximum-security prison in Fort Madison. Solicitor General Thompson stated that the last of these claims under lowa Code chapter <u>573</u> is intended to be paid by the end of the week of July 6, 2015. This will include the last \$100,000 of the \$831,000 held in retainage payments. For additional information regarding claims related to the Walsh Construction Company, see the *Fiscal Update News Articles* for the State Appeal Board Meetings for <u>May</u> and <u>June</u> 2015.

**Settlements.** The State Appeal Board approved a payment of \$700,000 to settle a lawsuit resolving disputed claims regarding the film project *Janie Jones*, registered under the lowa Film Tax Credit Program. The original lawsuit called for \$1.4 million, but after the completion of an internal audit, the three plaintiffs agreed to settle for \$700,000.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for August 3, 2015, in Des Moines.

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